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1. The premises of the Shanghai Machinists Union on P'ing Liang Road (平凉路) have been taken over by Communist officials of general labor activities. The area is guarded by military police and ordinary people are not permitted to go near the building. A five-pointed star, seven feet high, is painted on the door.
2. The offices of the Machinists Union have been moved to No. 1 Chun Kung Road (重工业路). Officers of the Union are HSU Pin-ken (许品根), P'ENG Wu-cheng (彭武成), CHU Hsing-sheng (朱杏生), KU Lin-pao (顾林宝) and HSIEH Shao-k'ang (谢少康).
3. Shanghai workers were promised by the Communist authorities a New Year's bonus of a minimum of one-half month's wages. The average daily wage of the Shanghai worker was the equivalent of US \$1.00, stabilized by its being in terms of rice. Workers are provided passes which allow them to use public transportation at half price.
4. The worker is required to purchase a share in government bonds equal to a day's wages. Most of the New Year's bonus is expected by the workers to be paid in government bonds. The self employed are expected to contribute much more, for instance shoe-shine boys have been organized and must purchase three to five times as much as the factory worker.
5. The Shanghai General Labor Union, reorganized and in operation by the middle of February, has its offices in the Bank of China Building on the Bund. It incorporates ~~trade unions~~ ^{trade unions as well as} factory unions. Each factory union has a director and inspector responsible to the General Labor Union. Under these officials in each factory union is an inspection group and a liaison group. These workers are in uniform and carry rifles. The liaison group is made up of Chinese Communist Party members who report to the Party authorities.

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